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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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MODELS

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated August 10, 2007, the applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group 1 involving Claims 1 and 23 and their corresponding dependents.

The applicants hereby respectfully request examination of the subject application and allowance at an early date.

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